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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
FROM: Chief, London Bureau  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- London Bureau -- March 1983

## I. GENERAL

✓) At month's end the construction of the cable duct between the ROSET site and the cubicles building was nearly completed. Computer flooring has been installed in the "Dish Control Room" and equipment racks moved up from the Portakabin to the control room. The project has come to a halt for the moment while we await arrival of the control and RF cables and while the BBC gets its installers on the scene to wire up the equipment racks. Meanwhile, at Crowsley, the BBC has put up a 4.8 meter dish for experimental purposes and is pursuing an expansion of its cable link between Crowsley and Caversham to handle the new equipment. British Telecom's quotation for new cable is causing heartburn so the notion of a microwave link between the two sites is once again on the front burner.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Technical

In still another modification of the pressfax equipment, bureau engineers [ ] and [ ] overcame a lateral page compression of about two and a quarter inches which had made it difficult to distinguish certain Russian characters. The facsimile pages are now the same size as the newsprint version and PMU's Russian team is no longer distinctive for its collective squint-eyed appearance.

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### B. Communications

1. Bureau circuits and traffic were heavily affected by a European exercise--later an official MINIMIZE--early in the month. Some traffic was delayed over 48 hours and, judging by confusing and sometimes contradictory information from Croughton Switch, our circuits were apparently preempted several times.

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2. During a 19 March-1 April outage of Nicosia Bureau's normal outgoing traffic path, Nicosia traffic--a total of 1,333 messages--was handled via the standby Nicosia-London circuit.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

1. Three employees received service awards representing a total of 60 years with FBIS. Teletypists [redacted] were presented with 15-year and 10-year certificates, respectively. [redacted], whose record with FBIS originated with the Cairo Bureau, was presented with his 35-year certificate in the presence of all the long-time employees we could muster together. STAT
2. [redacted] transferred from a BBC Russian monitorial position to PMU on 7 March. STAT

### IV. VISITS

Bureau Chief [redacted] 21-25 March; Islamabad Unit Chief [redacted] to Karachi 9-13 March for liaison with Pakistani PTT; Chief/FEB [redacted] site engineer, on survey visit 28-31 March. STAT  
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### Attachments

cc: Chief, Austrian Bureau  
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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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